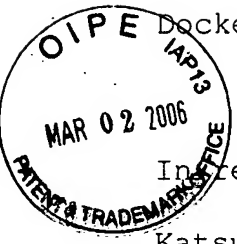


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 6, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Abstract of the Disclosure begin at page 2 of this paper.

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Remarks begin at page 7 of this paper.